

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 21, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes from the Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting, held at Todd Soil & Water Conservation District Office, 607 9th Street Northeast, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Chairman Tom Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Tom Williamson
 Vice Chairman Lee Buchholz
 Secretary Kenny Pesta
 Treasurer Dale Katterhagen
 Member Norm Krause

Others Present: Gerry Ruda, County Commissioner
 Sandy Rohr, District Manager
 Greg Ostrowski, Technical Manager
 Ed Uhlenkamp, WCA Coordinator/Feedlot Technician
 Kitty Tepley, CLWMP/CWP Coordinator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Krause to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Krause to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2009 regular board meeting.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

The District Board reviewed the financial statement dated December 31, 2009. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Krause to accept the December 2009 financial statement and approve payment of all disbursements totaling \$44,793.31 and approve January 2010 disbursements to date totaling \$17,328.06.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

WES MIN RC&D REPORT: Tom reported on Wes Min's various projects and activities, stating the WesMin sponsored Winter Grazing Workshop in Staples was a success. The annual election of officers was held and Tom received approval to attend the RC&D Annual Meeting in Breckenridge.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Gerry reported that the proposed Zacher plat was approved and asked Greg and Kitty to keep a watchful eye on the development, indicated that he's frustrated with the lack of requested comments from state agencies. The County approved the 2010-2011 Feedlot Work Plan that Ed presented to the Commissioners last week. Gerry expressed great concern over new septic system rules coming down from MPCA and how it will create a hardship for rural landowners and installers. Todd County Planning Commission will be meeting to review the rules; folks are encouraged to discuss this issue with your Legislators. Greg recommended a one year moratorium until rules are reviewed by the public. It's felt the open-end systems should be the priority concern rather than making rural landowners upgrade systems that were recently installed. On February 2nd the County will begin using a central purchasing system along with a centralized motor pool; both will save the County money. On January 25th an informational meeting will be held in the Douglas County Public Works Building regarding JD 2, this potentially impacts landowners west of Long Prairie to Lake Osakis, public attendance is encouraged.

STAFF REPORTS: (Attached) in addition, Greg reported that he is making the necessary safety training available for staff and will be ordering hardhats and safety vests, in addition he is having MCIT do a walk through our office to make sure we are OSHA compliant. Ed reported Breakfast on the Farm is tentatively scheduled for June 12th at the Tony Clasemann farm north of Long Prairie and a County Feedlot Meeting for feedlot operators is scheduled for March 17. Kitty gave a progress report on the Comprehensive Local Water management Plan updating and asked for Board input, e-LINK reporting training was provided for Planning and Zoning and e-LINK reporting for SWCD is completed. Sandy reported that year-end reporting is underway, financial statement is yet to be completed. Jennifer Gallus was hired to fill MDA Water Quality Advisor position serving the Central Sands area and will be working out of Central Lakes Ag. Center in Staples.

BANKING AND OFFICAL SWCD NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION: Motion by Krause, seconded by Buchholz to designate the Long Prairie Leader as the SWCD's official newspaper and retain Minnesota National Bank for the SWCD's checking account, for money market savings account and the investments will be made at a Todd County banking institution that offers the highest interest rate.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

BWSR STATE COST SHARE: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Pesta to approve encumbering cost share for Dave Meide #2-10 to install a Field Windbreak, cost share not to exceed \$1,370.40.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

BWSR STATE COST SHARE: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Krause to approve encumbering cost share for Dave Meide #3-10 to install a Field Windbreak, cost share not to exceed \$1,939.50.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MPCA CWL 319 COST SHARE: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Buchholz to approve encumbering \$6,412.13 for Rob and Misty Lemke Reforestation project pending grant receipt.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING & DAY AT THE CAPITOL: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Pesta to approve Ed, Kris, Lee and Norm for attending the event being held February 17-18th in St. Paul.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

DOUGLAS COUNTY'S KIDS' FESTIVAL: Motion by Krause, seconded by Buchholz to contribute \$100 to the event being held in Alexandria on April 28th.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

RURAL PRESERVES PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM (RPPTP): Todd SWCD is responsible for writing conservation plans for landowners putting acres into RPPTP and the SWCD Board must approve each plan. Motion by Krause, seconded by Katterhagen to set the following fee structure for landowners going into the program: \$300 to write a conservation plan, \$100 to review a plan written by anyone outside the SWCD and \$25 for each plan reviewed by the SWCD Board.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: Buchholz.

Motion carried.

2010 ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK: The draft 2010 APW was distributed to the Board and reviewed for comment. Motion by Krause, seconded by Pesta to approve the plan as drafted.

Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: Kitty reviewed the public survey results and asked the board for comments and input as the plan rewrite continues.

UPDATED TODD COUNTY PLAT BOOK: Consensus was that Todd County needs an updated plat book, the current one is 11 years old and as a public service we should make it available. Much discussion ensued about the best way to accomplish it, not only in print but possibly an electronic version that the public would pay to access. Sandy will discuss options with GIS and plat book development companies. Budgeting for the project will be discussed at the March board meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the SWCD Office at 607 9th Street Northeast, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Kenny Pesta, Secretary

Dated